

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 2, insert the following headings:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--

Page 1, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--

Page 2, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 2, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

--By overfilling the mould and letting the level fall back to the level of the constant height device, the terminal can be formed precisely at the correct height, without any metering of the lead having to take place. This approach, and indeed the method set out ~~on page 5 below~~, is beneficial with either type of bush, because in the case of the terminal height bush, the lead can be utilised to fill in any dimples or recesses left after the post/bush fusing step.--

Page 4, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 4, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 6, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

--The operating sequence of the apparatus begins with the Figure 1 position in which, as has already been described, the mould 12 is located on the bush 25 with the probe raised. The pump 15 is preferably circulating at this time, but any excess lead delivered to the feed channel 13 returns to the lead pot 16 via the open dump valve 30. In Figure 2 the probe assembly 17 is lowered into the mould so that the probe 33 engages the [[mould]] post and bush to fuse the two together. As can be seen in Figure 1, the tip 33a of the probe 33 is formed with an axially facing recess 33b. This has the advantage that it allows the resultant peripheral skirt of the tip 33a to pass down beyond the upper portion of the post 22 to engage and heat the bush 25 and thus enhance the quality of the joint formed. It will be understood that the shape of the tip 33 can be adapted to accommodate the post and bush structures adopted by particular battery manufacturers.--